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Stand by the President

WE were informed by telegraph a day or two ago, that a delegation of railroad men had called upon the president to protest against the policy of railway rate regulation which it is understood he will insist upon during the coming session of congress. Such a course on the part of the railway employees is not surprising. They are "working for their jobs." But to the people of the United States in general the case presents itself in another light. They are the parties who are being "worked," and that makes a great difference. The interests of the whole people, including, ultimately, the interests of these same railway employees themselves, are to be promoted and protected by just such a policy as that which Mr. Roosevelt is now urging upon the congress, which is no more nor less than "a square deal." There is no disposition on the part of the president or any other good citizen to interfere in any way with the legitimate business of the roads, or to require them to do anything that is not right, but there is a disposition—a very determined disposition—on the part of the people in every section of the country, to have congress take such action as will prevent the railways from doing wrong, by making unfair and unjust discriminations between different classes of shippers, and different points and sections of the country. No man who believes in plain honesty or common fair play can object to that—and that is all there is of it—simply a provision for laying the heavy hand of the government upon a road when it shall undertake to wrong the public, or any portion of the public.

The commerce clause of the national constitution gives congress the power to regulate national commerce, and this is defined by Chief Justice Marshall as power to prescribe the rules by which commerce is to be governed—as well between the states as between the federal government and foreign nations. And what rule of commerce could be more just and more beneficial than a rule prohibiting a common carrier from discriminating in its charges, against any individual, or against any section, and yet the fact is notorious that this basic principle of equity and fairness is persistently violated every day, by railroads all over the country, through insufficient rates charged on freights to some point or points on their lines, and the deficiency made up by charging extortionate rates on the same classes of freight to other points. We have the facts and figures at hand to prove a very flagrant case of this sort. There are two towns which we will designate as No. 1, and No. 2, neither of which is five hundred miles from Albuquerque. An establishment in each town deals in the same material, and in about the same quantity, buys from the same factory and ships its stuff from the same point, over the same road. Now, for a given weight of freight, No. 1 is charged and has to pay, \$105.00, while freight of the same kind and same weight, is hauled right through town No. 1, and delivered at No. 2, more than two hundred miles further from the shipping point, for \$20.00.

And that is not a "reckless charge." It is a deliberate statement of a fact, which we have the evidence to sustain. It is not an isolated case, but is a regular thing, and we have no doubt it is practiced in carrying many, if not all, other lines of goods to the same points, but we mention only the specific case above because we have the proof positive to sustain it.

Railway officials and railway attorneys may try to complicate the issue and disguise the truth by talking about "terminal points," and "common points," and various other cunningly devised conditions invented for the purpose of throwing dust in the eyes of the public, but no puffing of that sort can convince a man that he is not being robbed when he is charged a dollar and five cents for considerably less than the same service which his neighbor receives for seventy cents! Neither can it convince President Roosevelt or any other honest man that such a practice is not an outrage on the public which should be prohibited by the law of the United States. To prohibit such outrages upon the rights of the people is what the president stands for in his demand for railway rate regulation, and it is to the interest of the "plain people" all over the country, to let it be known to the world, and especially to members of congress, that they stand earnestly and firmly by the president on this issue and demand such legislation as will give the public a "square deal."

Should Receive Attention

AS REPORTED in the Morning Journal of yesterday, the mining congress in session at El Paso, adopted a resolution asking the congress of the United States to pass an act providing for the location of mines on Spanish land grants in Arizona and New Mexico, titles to which have been confirmed by the government court of private land grants.

To be properly understood by the reader who has not had occasion to investigate the matter, the action requires a little explanation. The law establishing the court of private land grants provided that on lands to which the title might be confirmed to claimants by this court the minerals found on such lands should be and remain the property of the United States, to be disposed of under laws to be enacted for that purpose. There were two or three tracts specifically excepted, but nearly all the grants confirmed by the court were passed upon with that proviso.

The court completed the work for which it was created, a number of years ago, and all the lands originally claimed as Spanish "land grants" have either been confirmed to the claimant, or thrown back into the public domain, subject to the public land laws of the United States. But all the mineral that may exist upon such lands as have been confirmed to the claimants, still remains a sealed book. The owner cannot take it out, because the law says distinctly that it is not his, and the miner cannot take it out, because such work can only be legally done under laws to be passed by congress prescribing the conditions under which it can be done—and the resolution of the mining congress above referred to, simply asks the congress of the United States to enact this legislation, so that such mineral as may be found within the limits of the confirmed grants above mentioned may be lawfully taken out, either by the owner of the grant or by the public.

Delegate Rodey, while in congress, made a vigorous effort to have such a law passed, and no doubt would have succeeded had not his efforts been frustrated by the activity of certain powerful influences in Colorado, which realized that certain of their plans would be interfered with by any action that would result in throwing the mineral on the land grants open to the public.

The matter is one of more than ordinary interest to the miners of New Mexico and Arizona, and they ought to take vigorous steps to bring the subject to the attention of congress. It would seem to require nothing more than a plain presentation of the facts in the case to secure such action as may be necessary.

YOU have probably noticed that particularly bright star that comes up in the early evening just over the Sandia mountain, and seems to be about as far from us as the mountain itself. That is Jupiter, the largest of the sun's family, and so far from the earth that if an express train had started from there four thousand years before Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, running all the time at full speed without any stops, it would have about three centuries more to run before reaching our planet. We are not a very large part of the whole thing.

Solos

Good morning—have you been buried?

The Commandant at Vladivostok has "lost his head." There are others.

Jimmy Hyde seems to have been a kind of a dainty and well groomed boomerang.

When it comes to wielding the sand bag Castro has 'em all skinned, if the Asphalt company tells the truth.

"Slavo has told an intimate friend that he was simply grafted to lay by enough money to make a pilgrimage to the tomb of Columbus.

There is a man named R. E. Morse who is writing poetry in the "jazz book" of the Tucson battle, according to the Tucson Citizen. After all, names do signify sometimes.

The Tucson Citizen says that the New Mexico republican central committee "army opposed" joint statehood. From all accounts it was rather an infirm affair all around.

A Detroit infidel has openly defied all religion by erecting a monument to the devil in his yard in that city. This is probably the first mark of apostasy his majesty has yet been tendered. Every dog has his day.

A Navajo squaw was found upon the reservation the other day wandering around looking for an interpreter with a Montgomery Ward catalogue in her hand. If she had located the interpreter it would have been all off with Mr. Navajo.

Among the free shows scheduled for the Phoenix territorial fair a man is to be buried alive. That is one attraction that the Albuquerque fair didn't have. And how easy it would have been to find suitable candidates for interment.

M. Witte to the Evening Citizen. (With apologies to F. P. Dunne.) "An" did ye hear all about M. Witte's letter to the Evening Citizen?" asked Mr. Dooley with a retrospective look as he arranged some bottles of Monogram on the shelf back of the bar. "I seen where he sent him his picture," said Mr. Hennessy as he settled himself back in his chair with a look of interest.

"Sure, frind Witte's a made man now," said Mr. Dooley gravely. "He had his photograph taken on the front page of that great publication. How he ever does it I dinno. He must a had a pull with little Willie."

"I'll bet he paid good for it," said Mr. Hennessy, looking wise. "Thurs for ye, Hennessy," said Mr. Dooley, "an" that he did. Ye have a remarkable mind Hennessy."

"Well, anyway Serge was sittin' in his front parlor busy dictatin a letter when a man with a bomb stickin' out at his behind poked his pocket knuckles on the door. 'Come in,' says Serge, he says, 'in the name ay Rooshy' he says. Inter an archivist."

"Wat do ye want?" asks Witte. "I ripright the revolutionists," says the archivist. "If ye don't grant our demands and give us instant admittance to all the spirit shops," he says, "we'll insert a barl full ay nitro glycerol under the eaz's imperceptible coat tails," he says.

"Just wan minit," says Witte, impatient like. "If ye'll just postpone that demonstration half an hour," he says, "I'll talk to ye," he says.

"Lave me," he says. "For I can't be bothered now. I'm waitin' a letter fer to send the Evening Citizen," he says, "and beside that all other matters," he says. "Pales (and) indignities. It takes ev'rythin' fer the future ay Rooshy. Retire, he says, "for there comes the first battalion ay the imperial photographers," he says.

"fer to take a few likenesses ay me in the citizen's front piece," he says. And the revolutionists, baffled, retired. "Dear Mac," writes Serge. "How kin I ever thank ye," he says, "for yer primary magnanimity," he says. "Ye grantin me the priviledge ay a havin' me counterfeet presentment appear in yer great paper," he says. "Tis the happiest moment ay me life," he says.

"Rooshy is saved again," he says. "If those picters don't suit ye, send 'em back an' I'll try agin," he says. "I'm determined to please ye. I received yer kind letter an' it helped me immediately," he says. "In soly in the enormous questions with which I am confronted, Rooshy owes ye ev'rythin'."

"If I ever ye want a special correspondence over here," says Serge, "I'm sure know," he says, "an' I'll endeavor to give satisfaction," he says. "I'll be willin' to start fer nothin'," he says, "and maybe after while if I'm worth ye kin pay me," he says. "I read yer great paper ev'ry day," he says. "an' I admire yer conservative news policy," he says. "News is always better after it's pickled awhile," he says. "Be sure an' write agin," he says. "I await yer reply with great impatience. Sincerely yer old frind, Serge."

"Wadn't letters from Witte be too fresh fer the Evening Citizen?" inquired Mr. Dooley as he arose yawning.

"I always said ye had the head ay a statesman," said Mr. Dooley. "What's to hinder the citizen frum holdin' them a while till they get good an' conservative? Hennessy, ye're a mere child in journalism."

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at the close of business, November 9th, 1905

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts.....\$1,316,334.16

Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.....34,321.84

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation.....200,000.00

U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits.....100,000.00

Premiums on U. S. Bonds.....9,000.00

Bonds, securities, etc.....37,322.60

Banking house, furniture, and fixtures.....38,500.00

Other real estate owned.....25,000.00

Due from National Banks (not reserved agents).....154,357.15

Due from State Banks and Bankers.....84,866.63

Due from approved reserve agents.....847,888.72

Checks and other cash items.....1,132.19

Notes of other National Banks.....105,875.00

Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents.....1,137.52

Lawful money reserve in Bank, viz:

Specie.....\$114,046.00

Legal-tender notes.....\$1,000.00

Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation).....10,000.00

TOTAL.....\$3,130,784.81

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in.....\$200,000.00

Surplus fund.....50,000.00

Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid.....48,195.58

National Bank notes outstanding.....200,000.00

Due to other National Banks.....204,143.83

Due to State Banks and Bankers.....91,680.57

Individual deposits subject to check.....1,171,202.61

Time certificates of deposit.....946,060.25

Certified checks.....4,673.90

Cashier's checks outstanding.....28,587.00

United States deposits.....58,472.05

Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers.....37,768.93

TOTAL.....\$3,130,784.81

Territory of New Mexico, County of Bernalillo, ss:

I, Frank McKee, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK MCKEE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November, 1905.

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